Behind the Scenes of 'System Error'

What inspired you to create this work?

Recently, I came across news headlines reporting on the rise of artificial intelligence and its implications for jobs, privacy, and mental health. For instance, as AI becomes more integrated into everyday life, many jobs are being automated, creating anxiety about job security among workers. Additionally, there are growing concerns about data privacy, especially after several high-profile data breaches. These events made me realise how rapidly advancing technology poses significant risks that, if unaddressed, could lead to societal issues, such as increased unemployment and erosion of privacy. This inspired me to delve deeper into these themes and represent in my artwork.

How I went about creating this project

Understanding the theme and identifying the key issues

25 Oct 2023 - I began by thoroughly researching the theme of negative impacts on future technology and specific artworks for the layout.

Artwork inspiration layout

summarised image of impacts

Artistic concept Development

1st Jan 2024 - The medium I chose is digital painting/drawing because I already have past knowledge and use with the application (Ibispaint X). I use to draw a lot of anime like drawings back in 2020-2021 but this was challenging for me because I never drew in realism or landscape form. Examples:

Created in 2021 of a youtuber (fanart)
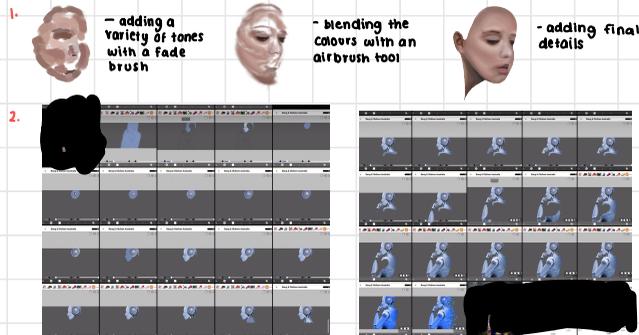

Sketches from 2021

Drawing from 2021

Unfinished drawing of a game from 2021

25th Feb 2024 - After multiple researchs, inspirations, references and tutorials, I began my inital sketches of what my ideal artwork would look like.

environmental degradation
ai decision making
invasion of privacy and security
addition to technology
employment loss

Process of Colouring

1.

— adding a variety of tones with a fade brush
— blending the colours with an airbrush tool
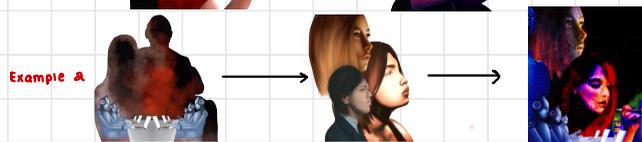— adding final details

2.

The process of colouring the robot

3. Eventually, I changed some sketches to fit into the theme more
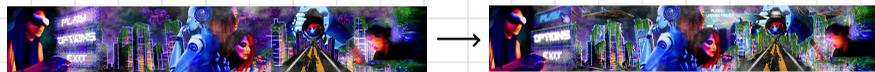

example #1

Example 2

4. Ibispaint X had some filters, so I played around with some

5. Final product

Process of creating artwork 2

This piece isn't just a depiction of despair; it's a warning. It urges me to think critically about the technology we embrace today and how it will shape the future. I leave with a lingering question: What steps can we take now to prevent this portrayal of our future from becoming a reality?

5. played around with the contrast filters and some unique brushes from ibispaint X

Final product

1st ideal sketch

collapsing

warning/gas masks

fade in

ai holding guns

Black dull fade

pasted my building drawing and played around with the contrast

2. I used an ai image generator for reference

Ended up using 2 images and drew them

★ used the same process for colouring

Sketched up Robot

Finished product

This area won't be seen in the artwork